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25X1 FOUR PLANTS IN EAST GERMANY MANUFACTURING BALL BEARINGS.

1. There are three principal factories which produce ball bearings in the Soviet Zone of Germany. These three factories are:
 - a. The Berliner Kugellagerfabrik located in Lichtenberg. This factory, formerly the Norddeutsche Kugellagerfabrik, manufactures ball bearings up to 60 mm. in diameter.
 - b. The Fraureuth WMW Wälzlagerfabrik, Thuringia which manufactures ball bearings up to 200 mm. in diameter.

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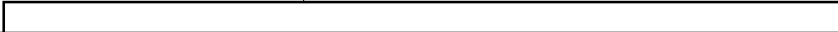


c. The Ronneberg Kugellagerfabrik, near Fraureuth, which manufactures ball bearings from 200 to 1,000 mm. in diameter. These ball bearings are used primarily in ship construction.

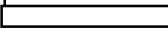
2. There is also one other ball bearing factory in the DDR, located at Zella Mehlis, Thuringia. This factory is Soviet-owned and operated.

SHORTAGE OF RAW MATERIALS AND COMPONENT PARTS.

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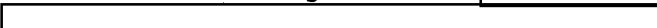
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 steel needed in the manufacture of ball bearings was in short supply. Most of the steel ration went to Bergmann Borsig. Sheet metal was also in short supply. Generally, the percentage of output did not reach more than 15 per cent, and even this figure was set too high.

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4. There was also a shortage of balls. 

 a large number of ball bearing races in storage, which could not be assembled because of a lack of balls.

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